



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES January 15, 2015

- CALL TO ORDER** President Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an inspirational reading by Lisa Birrell.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Mike Robinson; Vice President Barbara Thomas; Member Delbert Cederquist; Member Allen Clyde, and Member Ismael Herrera. A quorum was established.
- Participating staff: County Superintendent of Schools Jim Yovino; Deputy Superintendent Dr. Kathryn Catania, Educational Services; Linda Bacon, General Counsel, Legal Services; Lisa Birrell, Public Relations/Communications; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the January 15, 2015 agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
- Member Herrera – Yes
 - Vice President Thomas – Yes
 - Member Clyde – Yes
 - Member Cederquist – Yes
 - President Robinson – Yes
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the revised minutes of the December 18, 2014 Board meeting, seconded by Vice President Thomas; motion carried by the following roll call vote:
- Member Herrera – Yes
 - Vice President Thomas – Yes
 - Member Clyde – Yes
 - Member Cederquist – Yes
 - President Robinson – Yes
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the public.
- Employee of the Month**
January 2015 Jennifer Coull, Visual and Performing Arts Consultant, was honored as the January 2015 Employee of the Month. Since beginning at FCOE, Jennifer has been a beacon of light, and caring for those around her. Not only are the teachers she serves uplifted and enriched by their professional learning in the arts, but Jennifer also inspires them to be more creative in all of their teaching. In addition to the Arts Every Day program, Jennifer has initiated the new Stages Summer Theatre program serving students throughout the county, giving them a chance to develop a voice and express themselves.
- Jennifer has also made major contributions to promote student-centered schools and community involvement through the special projects she has taken over, such as the Superintendent's Rally for the Arts and the Arts for Learning Mini-Conference. Her co-workers always know when she has been around because of the inspirational messages and little gifts she leaves behind.

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RECOGNITION
Superintendent's Super
Stars

Superintendent Yovino recognized the contributions of Red Bank Elementary fifth-grader Jordan De La Cruz, who took on the initiative to hold a "Teddy Bears for Healing" drive to sick children at Valley Children's Hospital over the holiday season. His goal was to collect 1,000 teddy bears of all sizes, shapes and colors for young patients. The teddy bear drive spread to other schools within Clovis Unified School District and was a great success.

RECESS

A recess was called for the reception honoring the Employee of the Month and the Superintendent's Super Star.

REPORTS
2013-14 Audit Report
Received

Kevin Otto, Senior Director, Financial Services, and Bill Williams from Vavrinek, Trine and Day, reported there were no findings for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The Audit Report reflected no serious fiscal problems that require immediate attention. Therefore, the general fund ending balance did not change and agreed with the figures submitted to the State on the First Interim Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2014.

Facilities Report

Andy Perez, Facilities Director, updated the Board on current and future building and modernization projects.

ACTION ITEMS
Resolution NO. 2015-01
Education Protection Act
Use of Funds
Adopted

Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Cederquist, adopting Resolution No. 2015-01, Education Protection Act (EPA) Use of Funds. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Herrera – Yes
Vice President Thomas – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Robinson – Yes

Ratification of ROP
Advisory Board of
Management Meeting
Minutes
Ratified

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Vice President Thomas, ratifying the ROP Advisory Board of Management Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2014, as presented. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Herrera – Yes
Vice President Thomas – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Robinson – Yes

CLOSED SESSION
EXPULSION HEARING

The hearing was called to order in closed session at 2:35 p.m.

Those present at the hearing included: appellant and appellant's father, Steven Guerra; appellant's attorney Alexander Martin; Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District attorney, Mary Beth de Goede, and Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District Attorney, Peter Denno, Firebaugh district representative, Howard Yamagiwa; Jim Yovino, Superintendent of Fresno County Schools; Linda Bacon, General Counsel and Jason Parkin, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; Deputy Superintendents Dr. Kathryn Catania and Richard Martin; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Fresno County Board of Education.

The Board moved into closed session for deliberations at 2:55 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 3:08 p.m.

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Upon a motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Thomas, the Findings of Fact were adopted by the following roll call vote:

Member Herrera – Yes
Vice President Thomas – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Robinson – Yes

Findings of Fact:

1. The district governing board did not proceed without or in excess of its jurisdiction in expelling the student.
2. The student was afforded a fair hearing before the district governing board.
3. There was not prejudicial abuse of discretion by the district governing board.
4. There is not relevant evidence which, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not have been produced or which was improperly excluded at the hearing before the district governing board.

Order of the Board:

The Fresno County Board of Education Affirmed the Decision of the District's Governing Board to Expel the Appellant.

Member Clyde moved to adopt the above order, seconded by Member Cederquist. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Herrera – Yes
Vice President Thomas – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Robinson – Yes

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Board of Education 2015
Board Committee
Appointments

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Herrera, appointing the 2015 Committee Members as follows:

ROC/P Advisory Board – Member Cederquist, Member Herrera alternate
Truancy – President Robinson
Trustees Association – Member Cederquist
California Board of Education Liaison – Vice President Thomas
Fresno Chamber of Commerce – Vice President Thomas and Member Herrera
Facilities – Member Clyde and Member Cederquist
Charter Review Committee – Member Herrera
Board Project Follow-up (Annual Report) – President Robinson
Board Cabinet Workshop – Vice President Thomas and Member Herrera

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Herrera – Yes
Vice President Thomas – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Robinson – Yes

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Travel Requests	There were no requests for travel.
Travel/Mileage Reimbursements	Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, approving travel/conference reimbursements for President Robinson and Vice President Thomas, in the amount of \$763.57. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Member Herrera – Yes Vice President Thomas – Yes Member Clyde – Yes Member Cederquist – Yes President Robinson – Yes
Receipt of Correspondence	No correspondence was received.
Comments by the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board Project Allocation• Refining Expulsions
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	Superintendent Yovino reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lobbyist Summary• Trustees Association Meeting• Prop 30/Programs• Polling Places in Schools• Swearing-In Ceremony• Court Schools Students• School District Unification
FUTURE ITEMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Board Workshop2. Board Project Update
NEXT MEETING	The next regular Board meeting will be held on February 19, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in conference room 301, Fresno County Office of Education.
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.